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Sheep

* 332 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : கனம் உள்விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) கொடைக்கானல் கம்பளமளிக்கும் ஆடுகள் வளர்ப்பு பற்றி ஆராய்ச்சி நடத்துவதற்கான கேந்திரமொன்றை தொடங்குவது பற்றி அரசாங்கத்தாரால் ஆராய்ச்சி நடத்தப்பட்டு வருகிறதா ?

(இ) அப்படியானால், இந்த நிலையத்துக்காக எவ்வளவு தொகை தேவைப்படும் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Cars

* 333 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to give priority to the Members of the Legislature in the allotment of new cars; and

(*b*) whether new cars are allotted to the Members of Parliament on priority?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, when the Government Servants are getting priority in the matter of allotment of cars, why not the Government treat the Members of the Legislature on a par with the Government officials in the matter of allotment of cars?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : In the matter of allotment of cars, the Government is getting very small quota and it is reserved for Government use and whenever there is surplus, steps are being taken to allot them to Government officers who require them urgently. As it is, the Government decision is to allot them for Government use and to certain Government officers. As the shortage is too great, we cannot think of extending it to others.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, in order to facilitate the Members of the Legislature to tour in their constituencies very frequently, will the Government reconsider their decision and give priority to the Members of the Legislature?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : Our desire is that the Members of the Legislature should tour their constituencies frequently. But in the matter of allotment of cars, since the shortage is there, it is not possible to reconsider the decision which we have recently taken.

Abandoned child

* 334 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an abandoned child was found near Perur in Coimbatore district; and

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(b) if so, whether its mother was traced, if, so, how?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The child is alleged to have been born to an unmarried girl on 3rd October 1960 at the Government Headquarters Hospital, Coimbatore. The persons who are alleged to have been responsible for abandoning the child, including the women who is alleged to be the mother have been arrested. The case is under investigation.

MR. SPEAKER : Is the subject matter of the question *sub judice?*

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, it is under investigation.

MR. SPEAKER : I think it is better that the hon. Members do not ask any supplementary questions.

Medical graduates

* 335 Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to make legally obligatory on medical graduates to work in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to implement it?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) & (b) The Government have examined the question of introducing a scheme of making service in rural areas obligatory in respect of medical graduates by giving them scholarships or stipends during the period of their study in the Medical Colleges. But in view of the increasing number of medical graduates likely to become available for appointment as Assistant Surgeons in the near future and during the Third Plan period, the scheme has been dropped.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, since the scheme has been abandoned in consideration of the anticipation of these graduates becoming available and volunteering to serve in rural areas, what is the experience felt by the Government? Has it proved successful? Is not there a dearth of medical graduates willing to serve in rural areas?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Even if we adopt the scheme giving stipends and making service in rural areas compulsory, it will take some years to achieve results. We hope during the period of 5 or 6 years, new colleges will come up and a certain more number of graduates will become available.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether the Government have any information about the number of dispensaries and hospitals throughout our State where there are no doctors at present?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Now that number has very much come down; for instance in the Primary Health Centres, there were quite a number of vacancies, but I do not think it will be more than 4 or 5 now. So I hope the situation will improve very shortly.